

REMARKS

Specification

Applicant(s) have amended the specification according to the Examiner's suggestions. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

Claims

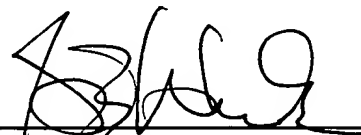
Claims 9 through 17 were pending in the application prior to this amendment. Claims 9 through 15 were allowed, and claims 16 and 17 were rejected .

With respect to claims 16 and 17, the examiner indicated in the first Office Action that the claims would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. After claims 16 and 17 were rewritten in the first Amendment, the examiner indicated in the Final Office Action that claim 16 had "allowable subject matter indicated in the previous Office Action" that was effectively removed by the Amendment to claim 16. Per the examiner's comments, claim 16 has been rewritten to include the allowable subject removed in the previous amendment (a balloon on the distal end) and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any preceding claims. Applicants submit that upon entry of this Amendment after Final, claim 16 will be found in condition for allowance. Applicants believe that claim 17 which depends on claim 16 will also be found in condition for allowance.

Applicants believe that a full and complete response has been made to place the application in a condition for allowance, and respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If it will advance the prosecution of this application, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (314) 726-7500.

Respectfully submitted,

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